**Irrigated agricultural land**

†2159. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total irrigated agricultural land during 1950-51;

(b) the total irrigated land in the country at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount spent since 1950 till the end of Ninth Five Year Plan for creation of additional irrigated land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Net Irrigated Area (NIA) figures are compiled by Ministry of Agriculture and are published under Land Use Statistics (LUS). As per latest LUS for the year 1998-99, the Net Irrigated Area in the country in 1950-51 was 20.853 million hectares and in the year 1998-99 was 57.053 million hectares.

(c) The total amount of public investment on creation of additional irrigated land in the country since 1950 till the end of Ninth Five Year Plan is about Rs. 132011 crore (provisional).

**Protection of Umanand Island**

2160. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Umanand Island at Guwahati, Assam is facing erosion problem for the last several years;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to protect Umanand Island; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made by Government during the Tenth Five Year Plan to protect the above Island?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.